



MINUTES

Board of Commissioners

Meeting

8:05 AM - Thursday, January 13, 2022

H.H. Purdy Building Board Room, 125 W. Lincoln St., Caro, MI 48723

Commissioner Bardwell called the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tuscola, Michigan, held at the H.H. Purdy Building Board Room, 125 W. Lincoln St., Caro, MI 48723, on Thursday, January 13, 2022, to order at 8:05 AM local time.

Prayer - Commissioner Bardwell

Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Young

Roll Call - Clerk Fetting

Commissioners Present In-Person: Thomas Young, Thomas Bardwell, Doug DuRussel, Dan Grimshaw

Commissioner Absent: Kim Vaughan

Others Present In-Person: Clayette Zechmeister, Eean Lee, Register John Bishop, Shelly Lutz, Sandy Nielsen, Jon Ramirez, Steve Anderson, Brian Hart

Also Present Virtual: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Tracy Violet, Brian McComb, Mary Drier, K. Free, Nick Sakon, Alecia Little, Mark Haney, Debbie Babich, Sheriff Glen Skrent, Mike Miller, Shannon Beach, Bob Baxter, Jessica VanHove, Mitch Davies, Pam Shook, Treasurer Ashley Bennett, Cindy McKinney-Volz, Brian Hemerline, Mike Slade

At 8:10 a.m., there were a total of 20 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Adoption of Agenda

1. Adoption of Agenda -

2022-M-001

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Doug DuRussel to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes

1. Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -

2022-M-002

Motion by Doug DuRussel, seconded by Thomas Young to adopt the meeting minutes from the December 29, 2021 Regular meeting. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only

None

Consent Agenda Resolution

2022-M-003

Motion by Dan Grimshaw, seconded by Doug DuRussel that the Consent Agenda Minutes and Consent Agenda Items from the January 10, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted.

Commissioner Grimshaw moved to amend Item 1 in the Consent Agenda for the travel funds to be taken from the Register's Automation Fund rather than the General Fund. Motion to amend died for lack of support.

Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. Register of Deeds Request for Out of State Conference Travel -
Move that per the January 10, 2022 request from John Bishop, Register of Deeds, to approve the out of state travel request to attend the Property Records Industry Association (PRIA) spring conference held in Phoenix, Arizona, on February 15-16, 2022.
2. Medical Care Community 2021 Millage Transfer Request -
Move that per the request from the Medical Care Community Chief Executive Officer that \$117,898.00 be transferred from the Voted Medical Care Facility Fund (298) to the Regular Medical Care Facility (291) for the items listed in the December 29, 2021 letter.
3. Guidehouse Non-Entitlement Units of Local Government (NEU'S) Survey Results Regarding American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds -
Move to allow Guidehouse, under our current contract, to proceed with up to one hour of consultation and discussion with each Local Unit of Government if the Local Unit wishes to participate. The cost is not to exceed \$180.00 per hour per unit and would be covered under the County American Rescue Plan Act Funds.

New Business

1. Dispatch Director Hiring -

2022-M-004

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Doug DuRussel to concur with the recommendation of the Authority Board Hiring Committee and hire Jonathon Ramirez effective February 7, 2022 as the new Dispatch Director at the Step 3 rate of pay of \$65,820.80. Motion Carried.

2. Animal Control Part-Time Kennel Attendant Hiring -

2022-M-005

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Doug DuRussel that per the recommendation of the Animal Control Director that Miranda Weigold be hired to fill the vacant part-time Animal Control Kennel Attendant effective January 26, 2022 at Step 1 rate of pay of \$15.64 per hour. Motion Carried.

Old Business (continued below) -

1. Gilford Township Community Resolution and Intergovernmental Agreement to Manage Floodplain Development for the National Flood Insurance Program -
Clayette Zechmeister reported this matter is not ready for action yet today and that Legal Counsel is reviewing the matter. SAFEbulit is also looking at the resolution. Board discussed the matter and Clayette will update the Board by the next Board of Commissioners meeting on January 27, 2022.

Extended Public Comment (continued below) -

- Brian Hart, MIFSM, addressed the Board regarding an outstanding invoice. He is seeking who is responsible to pay the invoice, Tuscola County or Dr. Morrone. Clayette was aware of the question and is currently researching the dates to determine where the responsibility lies.

Recessed at 8:53 a.m.

Reconvened at 9:01 a.m.

New Business (continued from above) -

1. Closed Session -

2022-M-006

Motion by Doug DuRussel, seconded by Thomas Young that the Board meet in Closed Session under Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss the contents of a written legal memorandum from its attorney, which is exempted from disclosure under Section 13(1)(g) of the Freedom of Information Act, with Eric Morris with Braun Kendrick, Clayette Zechmeister, Jodi Fetting, and Eean Lee to be allowed to attend the closed session at 9:01 a.m.

Yes: Thomas Young, Doug DuRussel, Thomas Bardwell, and Dan Grimshaw

Absent: Kim Vaughan

Motion Carried.

Recessed to Closed Session at 9:01 a.m.

Reconvened at 9:40 a.m.

At 9:40 a.m., there were 26 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Old Business (continued from above) -

1. Courthouse Security Update -

2022-M-009

Motion by Dan Grimshaw, seconded by Thomas Young that the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners is broadly supportive of the settlement proposal offered by the Chief Judge which would resolve the current court security funding dispute between the County and the Unified Courts. I further move that the County Controller and County Corporation Counsel are hereby directed to negotiate the terms of a settlement agreement that would resolve this dispute and bring such proposed agreement to the Board of Commissioners for review and approval as soon as possible.

Yes: Thomas Young, Thomas Bardwell, Doug DuRussel, and Dan Grimshaw

Absent: Kim Vaughan

Motion Carried.

Correspondence/Resolutions

1. Road Commission Minutes December 9, 2021
2. Road Commission Minutes December 22, 2021

Commissioner Liaison Committee Reports

Young

Board of Public Works -
Meeting schedule for 2022 has been set.

County Road Commission Liaison

Dispatch Authority Board -
Meets next Tuesday.

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works

Great Start Collaborative

Human Services Collaborative Council (HSCC)

Jail Planning Committee

MAC Agricultural/Tourism Committee

Region VI Economic Development Planning

Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative

Senior Services Advisory Council

Tuscola 2020

Local Units of Government Activity Report -

It is Radon Awareness Month and the Health Department has free Radon kits available.

Bardwell

Behavioral Health Systems Board

Caro DDA/TIFA -

Meeting was canceled.

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

MAC 7th District

MAC Workers Comp Board

MAC Finance Committee -

Meets Friday.

TRIAD

Local Units of Government Activity Report

Vaughan

Absent

Board of Health

County Planning Commission

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

MAC Environmental Regulatory

Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee

NACO-Energy, Environment & Land Use

Parks and Recreation Commission

Tuscola County Fair Board Liaison

Local Units of Government Activity Report

DuRussel

Board of Health

Community Corrections Advisory Board

Department of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

MAC Judiciary Committee

MEMS All Hazard

Local Units of Government Activity Report -

Watertown Township Supervisor and Clerk reported that neither of them received the email regarding Guidehouse working with the NEUs.

Grimshaw

Behavioral Health Systems Board

Recycling Advisory

Jail Planning Committee

MI Renewable Energy Coalition (MREC)

Local Units of Government -

Village of Reese Manager did not open the email received regarding Guidehouse working with the NEUs as there was concern it was spam.

Denmark Township needs to have repair work completed on their lagoons.

MidState Health Board also has concerns on the limitations imposed by the Open Meetings Act for virtual meeting participation.

Other Business as Necessary

1. January 24, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting -
Senator Kevin Daley will attend to provide a legislative update.
2. ARPA Final Ruling Release -
Clayette clarified that local Villages can take advantage of the consultation with Guidehouse. She will be attending a meeting tomorrow that is to explain the final ruling that has been released regarding the use of ARPA funds. She will have an update to provide to the Board at the next Board meeting.
3. Clerk Stipend for Election Programming -
Clayette reported that legal counsel is currently working on the issue.
4. Department of Treasury Final Summary Report on ARPA Funds -
Commissioner Grimshaw provided a copy to the Board Chair. Clayette will distribute to all Commissioners.
5. Building & Grounds Committee Meeting -
Eric Morris will be reaching out to meet with Commissioner DuRussel and Commissioner Grimshaw regarding the properties that have been brought forward for

consideration of the County Space project. The tours of the properties will not be posted with minutes prepared although Mike Miller and Eean Lee will be invited to participate. Commissioner Bardwell asked that the Committee remain pragmatic and non-biased.

Extended Public Comment (continued from above)

None

Adjournment

2022-M-010

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Doug DuRussel to adjourn the meeting at 10:17 a.m. Motion Carried.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk